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For Universal Accessory-Mounting Assembly

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Sir.

In response to the Office action mailed April 23, 2003, in the above-identified application Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider the following amendment, and remarks and allow the claims. Attached hereto immediately following the Remarks is Exhibit I, which includes marked-up version of the amended claims compared to the claims as-filed. Attached hereto immediately following Exhibit I is Exhibit II, which includes versions of the paragraphs of the disclosure as amended with this amendment marked-up compared to those paragraphs as filed. Attached hereto also, immediately following Exhibit II, is a Letter To The Official Draftsman and copies of Figures 1-3 of the drawings with proposed changes indicated thereon.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1, 6, 18, and 23 as follows. The marked-up versions of Claims 1, 6, 18, and 23 as-amended compared to as-filed are shown in Exhibit I Immediately following the signature of Applicants' agent prior to the Certificate of Transmission.

Clean Version Amended Claims

 (amended)A universal accessory-mounting assembly for supporting an accessory at a distance from a base structure to which the universal accessory-mounting assembly may be attached, comprising: